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WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

In July, 1974, a program outline was presented to the Area Supervisor, Ottawa Office of the Probation and Parole Service, and the Field Practice Unit of the Centre of Criminology. The program was based upon the following proposition:

That the gainful employment of the probationers and parolees under supervision is expected to reduce the rate of reconviction during the supervision period.

All Probation and Parole Officers in the Ottawa area expressed their desire to participate. There was consensus among the staff that the provision of employment for our clients is an important aspect of our service delivery role.

The structure for the operation of the pilot project was in terms of the following:

- co-ordination undertaken by one full time Probation and Parole Officer.
- job finding and placement by a Department of Criminology student on concurrent placement.
- Probation staff making referrals of their clients who need a job in order to assist them to comply with the terms of their probation.



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

The following figures are recorded for the period July, 1974 to December, 1976 —

- 278 prospective employers have been contacted
- 194 prospective employers have promised to assist our clients
- 771 probationers and parolees have been referred to the project by their Probation and Parole Officer
- 447 probationers and parolees have been referred to employers
- 355 probationers and parolees (male and female) have obtained employment

Out of a total of 251 probationers and parolees placed in jobs, 18 have been reconvicted while under supervision. The rate of reconviction while under supervision between July, 1974 and December, 1975 is 7.17 per cent.

Public Involvement

- in December, 1975, members of the Ottawa-Carleton viewing area were informed of the aims and objectives of the program on Cable 12
- an article appeared in *Centretown News*
- an article appeared in a newsletter entitled 'Byword' published by the Ottawa Board of Trade
- a TV program on the project was prepared by the CBC and was shown in January, 1976 in the Ottawa-Carleton area.
- an article on the program was prepared by the *Ottawa Citizen* and published in January, 1976.

WHO ARE INVOLVED?

Employers within the community who have been approached, as well as those who have been contacted but who have the potential to help.

The Media — television and the press

Who should you contact?

If you would like to help or wish to have additional information, you may contact any one of the following:

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Project Expansion

In order to supplement staff resources for the project, five volunteers were recruited in October, 1976.

